

SENATE BILL 268

By Tracy

AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in
Rutherford County in honor of the late Thomas
Hutchinson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Thomas Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was a longtime farmer who owned land along U.S. Highway 231 in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his productive life, Thomas Hutchinson strove to promote and improve Rutherford County; and;

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was instrumental in the organization and success of the Consolidated Utility District, which brought water service to the rural areas of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in their county to honor Mr. Hutchinson's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Stones River on U.S. Highway 231 (South Church Street) in the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County is hereby designated the "Thomas Hutchinson Bridge".

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Thomas Hutchinson Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.